

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 445  
(To be answered on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022)**

**DEMAND FOR COMMERCIAL PILOTS**

**445. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**जागर विमानतल मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has an annual requirement of 1,000 commercial pilots against the current supply of about 200-300 pilots in the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of trained commercial pilots passed out since 2017 and who have been employed during the period having Commercial Pilot's Licence (CPL), year-wise; and
- (c) the number of pilot training institutes in the country and the scope of type rating after CPL in the country?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**जागर विमानतल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))**

(a) and (b) Yes sir. It is estimated that India has a requirement of around 1000 fresh commercial pilots every year.

The number of Commercial Pilot Licenses (CPL) issued in India to cadets from Indian and foreign Flying Training Organizations (FTOs) since 2017 is as follows:

Year	Indian FTOs	Foreign FTOs	Total
2017	358	194	552
2018	415	225	640
2019	430	314	744
2020	335	243	578
2021	504	358	862

(c) At present, there are 34 Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)-approved FTOs in the country. In addition, there are six Approved Training Organizations (ATO) in India which provide aircraft type training to Commercial Pilot License holders. A CPL followed by aircraft type rating

**issued by DGCA, among others, constitute the mandatory requirements for applying for a pilot's role in a commercial airline.**

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